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SUBJECT: ARTICLE ON CARGO RESERVE AGREEMENT

REF: 1) GUATEMALA 823; 2) GUATEMALA 1413

1. IN APRIL 9 ISSUE OF GOG PUBLISHED DIARIO DE CENTRO AMERICA ARTICLE APPEARED WITH BY- LINE JOHN D. MECCILLY, IPS EDITOR, DISCUSSING RECENT AGREEMENT APPROVED BY USG AND PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT RESERVING WEST COAST U. S. CARGO " CONTROLLED" BY BOTH GOVERNMENTS.

PRUDENTIAL GRACE LINES AND COMPANIA PERUANA DE VAPORES REPORTEDLY WILL SHARE CARGO ON A 50-50 BASIS UNDER CONSORTIUM AGREEMENT. ARTICLE ALSO REPORTS EARLIER, SIMILAR AGREEMENTS AFFECTING BRAZIAN TRAFFIC AND US GULF COAST TRAFFIC TO PERU.

2. ARTICLE HAS CAUSED CONSIDERABLE CONSTERNATION AMONG SHIPPING AGENTS OF FOREIGN LINES TO GUATEMALA WHO ARE WORKING (AS EMBASSY IS DOING THROUGH ITS OWN CHANNELS) TO ELIMINATE DISCRIMINATORY RESERVE CLAUSES AFFECTING GUATEMALAN SHIPPING (SEE REFTELS). MAJOR ARGUMENT UTILIZED BY EMBASSY IN PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS WITH GOG OFFICIALS HAS BEEN USG INSISTENCE ON NON- DISCRIMINATORY SHIPPING PRACTICES. TONE OF ARTICLE AND LACK OF DEFINITION OF WHAT CONSTITUTES " GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED CARGO" HAS LEFT IMPRESSION THAT USG IN RELATIONS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES IS ACTIVELY SUPPORTING TYPES OF ARRANGEMENTS WHICH
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IT IS SIMULTANEOUSLY COMBATTING IN GUATEMALA. IF CONCLUSION DRAWN BY GOG AND OTHERS THAT USG FINDS DISCRIMINATION ACCEPTABLE WHEN IN ITS FAVOR, EFFORTS TO BLOCK NEW DISCRIMINATORY LEGISLATION MAY BE SERIOUSLY UNDERMINED .

3. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT' S INTERPRETATION OF WHAT CONSITUTES GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED CARGO IN RECENT AGREEMENT WITH PERU AND HOW THAT AGREEMENT DIFFERS FROM GOG ARRANGEMENT WHICH WE ARE PRESENTLY CONTESTING, IN ORDER THAT EMBASSY MAY SUCCESSFULLY REPLY TO POTENTIAL QUESTIONS FROM SHIPPERS AND GOG OFFICIALS.

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